

NON-BARGAINING UNIT TRUSTEES ELECTION

Dear Member

In the previous Election Bulletin, we provided you with detailed information on the size and composition of the EPPF Board of Trustees, as well as the candidate nomination rules and procedures.

The candidate nomination phase is now complete, and we are now entering the voting phase. The purpose of the voting phase is to allow you an opportunity to vote for the candidates of your choice to represent you on the EPPF Board of Trustees, if successful.

In this Election Bulletin, you will find the full information about the rules, procedures and guidelines pertaining to the voting phase. In addition are the CVs, election statements of the candidates, voting channels, as well as instructions on how to cast your votes. Remember, you may choose any one of the available options of casting your votes as indicated in the Voting Information Sheet (included herewith). It is therefore very important that you take time to familiarise yourself with all the information contained herein before casting your votes.

Participating in this election is not only your right, it is your responsibility. It is an opportunity that is created every four years to allow you to choose the people you consider suitable to represent you as non-bargaining unit member on the EPPF Board of Trustees.

Finally and to ensure a free and fair election, an independent body, KDBS Consulting ("KDBS"), is overseeing the election process. Please direct all your election-related queries to KDBS for the attention of Mr Thobile Thomas: the Independent Electoral Officer on the toll-free number: 0800 128 452 between 08:30 and 16:30 weekdays only, or alternatively email: info@eppfelection.com. You may also visit www.eppfelection.com to get more information about the elections.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive and Principal Officer

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WHAT IS THE VOTING PHASE ABOUT?

The Voting Phase is an opportunity for you to vote for your preferred candidates from the six (6) candidates who were shortlisted during the Candidate Nomination Phase. **Their names are all on the ballot paper and ordered alphabetically by surname.**

HOW MANY CANDIDATES AM I ALLOWED TO VOTE FOR?

You **may vote for a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of two (2) candidates** only.

The two (2) candidates who receive the most number of votes will be deemed elected to the Board as Trustees from the **non-bargaining unit members**.

Voting for less than one or more than two candidates will render your ballot paper invalid and your votes will be disregarded during the vote-counting process.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR CASTING MY VOTE?

You have the choice of casting your votes through one of the following voting channels (**choose one only**):

- a) Internet/Onsite Kiosk Voting; OR
- b) Kiosk/Onsite Voting; OR
- c) USSD Voting; OR
- d) SMS Voting System

Remember, you may only choose one voting channel only from the above. If, for any reason, you decide to use more than one voting channel, please be aware that only the votes that reach the Independent Electoral Officer first, will be considered. **All others will be disregarded.**

VOTING OPTION A: WHAT ARE THE INTERNET VOTING SYSTEM PROCEDURES?

Internet voting allows you to vote anywhere and at any time of day during the voting period by using any internet-connected device such as a cell phone, tablet, personal computer or laptop, or Internet Voting Kiosks.

Internet Voting Kiosks are internet devices which will be placed at the designated EPPF Elections Sites throughout the country (see list below) to enable people without computers and/or internet access to vote using the Internet Voting System.

To vote using the internet, you must have either a valid cellular phone number or valid email address that is registered on the EPPF member database as at 31 October 2019. Prior to the start of the voting phase on 2 January 2020, you will receive via an email and/or SMS a full **Internet Voting Guide** containing the following:

- a) An Internet Voting System **Unique Access Key**. Please note that this is different from your pensioner number/unique number and is a personalised number intended to give you unique access to the Internet Voting System. **You, therefore, MUST NEVER share your Internet Unique Access Key with anyone.**
- b) An Internet Voting System link which you can click to access internet voting.

Upon accessing the Internet Voting System, you will be able to view the full ballot paper as well as candidate CVs and election statements.

If you have not received your Internet Voting Guide, or cannot access the Internet Voting System, you must immediately contact the Independent Electoral Officer on **0800 128 452** between 08:30 and 16:30 weekdays only, or alternatively email: info@eppfelection.com

VOTING OPTION B: WHAT ARE THE USSD VOTING PROCEDURES?

USSD voting allows you to vote using any cellular phone. It is a **free service** and does not require an internet connection or airtime. **To vote using the USSD Voting System you must have a valid cellular phone number that is registered on the EPPF member database as at 31 October 2019.**

At the start of the voting phase on 2 January 2020, you will receive an SMS inviting you to vote using the **USSD Voting System** by requesting a **USSD Pin Number**. Please note that this is a personalised and unique number which is specifically intended to give you unique access to the USSD Voting System. **You, therefore, MUST NEVER share your USSD Voting Pin Number with anyone.** Upon accessing the USSD Voting System, you will be able to access the full ballot paper as well as voting instructions.

If you have not received your USSD Voting System invite, or cannot access the USSD Voting System, you must immediately contact the Independent Electoral Officer on **0800 128 452** between 08:30 and 16:30 weekdays only, or alternatively email: info@eppfelection.com

VOTING OPTION C: WHAT ARE THE SMS PROCEDURES?

SMS voting allows you to vote using any cellular phone. Unlike the USSD Voting System, the SMS Voting System is not free and you, the member, will bear the cost of the SMS. **The SMS cost is charged at standard rates. Free SMS's do not apply.**

At the start of voting phase on 2 January 2020, and to give you access to the SMS Voting System you will receive an SMS containing the **SMS Voting System Number**. The SMS will also serve as an invitation for you to request your SMS Voting System **Pin Number**. This is a personalised and unique number which is specifically intended to give you personalised access to the SMS Voting System. **You, therefore, MUST NEVER share your SMS Voting Pin Number with anyone.** Upon accessing the SMS Voting System, you will be able to access the full ballot paper as well as voting instructions.

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DESIGNATED EPPF ELECTION SITES (ESKOM OFFICES) FOR KIOSK ONLINE VOTING

PROVINCE	SITE NAME	ADDRESS
Eastern Cape	East London	Sunilaws Office Park, Cnr Quenera Drive and Bonza Bay Road, Beacon Bay
Free State	Bloemfontein	120 Henry Street, Bloemfontein
Gauteng	Megawatt Park	Maxwell Drive, Sunninghill, Sandton
Gauteng	Pretoria	Eskom Menlyn Office, Menlo Park, Pretoria East
KwaZulu-Natal	Durban	Ikhwezi Building, 25 Valley Road, New Germany
Limpopo	Polokwane	66 Hans van Rensburg Street, Polokwane
Mpumalanga	Emalahleni	Eskom Park, Visagie Street, Witbank
North West	Klerksdorp	22 Golden Avenue, Town Lands, Klerksdorp, 2570
Northern Cape	Kimberley	DCS Building, 2nd Floor, 64 Memorial Road, Monument Heights, Kimberley
Western Cape	Cape Town	Eskom Western Cape Regional Office, 60 Voortrekker Road, Bellville

ELECTION EVENT	WHEN?
Voting Phase	2 January - 28 February 2020 @ 16:30
Counting votes and Preliminary Results Announcement	1 - 30 March 2020
Objections and Dispute Resolutions	1 - 30 April 2020
Final Results Declaration	4 May 2020

ELECTION CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the duty of both members and their candidates to safeguard the credibility, free and fairness of the election. For this purpose, an Election Code of Conduct for both candidates and members has been approved by the EPPF and is available on the EPPF election website, or on request from the Independent Electoral Officer.

ELECTION SUPPORT CENTRE

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